

MOBILE PHONE AUTO-DIAL MECHANISM FOR CONFERENCE CALLS

Abstract

A system and method of automatic initiation for connecting a mobile phone to a conference call is disclosed. A mobile phone containing a software application for maintaining a schedule is coupled with another software application that reviews calendar event data stored in the mobile phone. Calendar event data can include a sub-category of event data relating to conference calls. Conference call event data includes a starting time, a telephone number, and a passcode authorizing connection to the conference call. The mobile phone automatically produces an alert shortly before the starting time of the conference call and displays a prompt asking whether to connect to the conference call. For an affirmative response, the mobile phone automatically dials the telephone number for the conference call. The mobile phone then receives a prompt for the passcode authorizing connection to the conference call. The mobile phone obtains the passcode from the conference call event data and automatically enters the passcode.